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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: CARBAMOYL-PHOSPHATE SYNTHETASE GENE OF CORYNEFORM

BACTERIA AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-ARGININE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Correspondence dated December 5, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 48 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on the next page, please delete the Sequence Listing and replace it with the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.